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- References AD and AE are discussed on page 1 of the specification.
- Reference AE corresponds to Reference AA.
- References AF – AM were cited in the International Search Report of the International Application PCT/JP2004/002741.
- Reference AK corresponds to Reference AB.